

## **ARLINGTON PUBLIC SCHOOLS**

*In accordance with the provisions of the Massachusetts General laws, Chapter 30A, Section 20, notice is hereby given for the following meeting of the:*

***Arlington School Committee  
Curriculum Instruction Accountability and Assessment  
Monday, January 3, 2022  
5:00 PM***

*Open Meeting (L. Kardon)*

*Public Participation*

*Formative and Mental Health Outcomes from Early Year Screenings*

*Consent Agenda*

*All items listed with an asterisk are considered to be routine and will be enacted by one motion. There will be no separate discussion of these items unless a member of the committee so requests, in which event the item will be considered in its normal sequence:*

*\*CIAA Subcommittee DRAFT Meeting Minutes - October 25, 2021*

*Adjournment*

*The listings of matters are those reasonably anticipated by the Chair, which may be discussed at the meeting. Not all items listed may in fact be discussed and other items not listed may also be brought up for discussion to the extent permitted by law.*

*Stated times and time amounts, listed in parenthesis, are the estimated amount of time for that particular agenda item. Actual times may be shorter or longer depending on the time needed to fully explore the topic.*

*Submitted by Len Kardon, Chair*

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**Open Meeting (L. Kardon)**



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### **Public Participation**



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**Formative and Mental Health Outcomes from Early Year Screenings**



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### **Consent Agenda**

#### **Summary:**

\*CIAA Subcommittee DRAFT Meeting Minutes - October 25, 2021

#### **ATTACHMENTS:**

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## **DRAFT SUBJECT TO APPROVAL**

CIAA Subcommittee  
Arlington School Committee

Meeting Minutes  
October 25, 2021, 3:30 p.m., all remote via zoom

### Attendance

Subcommittee members: Len Kardon, Paul Schlichtman, Liz Exton

Other committee members: Bill Hayner, Jeff Theilman, Kirsi Allison-Ampe

Administration: Dr. Elizabeth Homan, Dr. Roderick MacNeal, Jr., Dr. Mathew Janger, Dr. Samantha Hoyo, Deborah Perry, Matthew Coleman, Denton Conklin, David Nurenberg, consultant

Others: various members of the public

### Public Participation

None - email correspondence received prior to meeting

### Science Camp

Dr. MacNeal introduced Dr. Hoyo who discussed planning for science camp. In light of the continued pandemic and the closure of the former residential science camp location of Alton Jones, Dr. Hoyo stated that there would not be a residential science camp experience this school year. Instead, they are planning a week of experiential science learning for fifth graders focused on watersheds. In addition to field work on or near each school, a field trip to a local watershed was expected to be included and the week might end with multi-school games of predator and prey.

Committee members thanked Dr. Hoyo for developing an experiential learning opportunity but suggested more discussion was needed about the potential to reestablish a residential option.

### Heterogenous Classes at AHS.

Mr. Kardon first introduced the topic stating he had expected the subcommittee to discuss with the administration how to start discussions on this issue following the pandemic experience of mostly remote heterogeneous classes, but that Dr. Janger's presentation went a step beyond that and will inform the subcommittee's discussions.

Dr. Janger introduced David Nurenberg, Associate Professor, Graduate School of Education at Lesley University, a consultant whois helping AHS look at the possibility of moving to heterogeneous grouping in certain classes at AHS. Mr. Nurenberg presented the materials regarding the rationale for heterogeneous grouping, including information from the 2020-21 school year, when heterogeneous grouping was adopted on an emergency basis due to the

pandemic. Dr. Janger and Mr. Nurenberg then addressed questions and comments from subcommittee members.

Mr. Schlichtman felt this was the right direction and asked the team to consider how to generate excitement about it. Ms. Exton asked the team to ensure the involvement of elementary and middle school parents in the planning process as they will be affected. She asked the team to look at how to support teachers and how the teachers felt about this. Dr. Janger responded that teachers were excited with the pandemic heterogeneous experience and the possibilities and had each of the department heads elaborate for their departments. Mr. Kardon raised a series of concerns, including the difficulty of doing this right, earning the trust of the community, measuring the impacts of any pilot, and the budget implications. Regarding the research, he noted that most of it was a grade level below high school. He asked that the full results of the survey be shared, for any research that focused on high schools, and for more information on how embedded honors looks in practice.

The committee members who are not on the CIAA subcommittee also shared their thoughts, concerns and questions.

DLD update to committee

Dr. Homan updated the subcommittee on the Deeper Learning Dozen program. The MOU had the same terms as the commitment letter and was executed. A group of administrators plan to attend a DLD conference which will be paid for by the DLD program.

New Business

There was no new business.

Motion to adjourn

Mr. Schlichtman moved, Ms. Exton seconded, 3-0 in favor



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**Adjournment**



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